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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RETIREMENT OF UNRWA COMMISSIONER GENERAL
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REF: /STATE 285671; B) USUN 4714

1. IN PRIVATE LETTER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS, TOM MCELHINEY, DEP COM GEN, UNRWA, INDICATED HIS INTEREST IN REPLACING RENNIE AS COM GEN AND STATED THAT RENNIE PLANS SEE SYG WALDHEIM ON OR SHORTLY AFTER DECEMBER 6 TO DISCUSS MATTER OF REPLACEMENT.

2. DEPT CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT RENNIE'S DEPARTURE IN THE MIDST OF UNRWA'S FINANCIAL CRISIS WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT. THUS, DEPT HOPES TO PREVAIL ON RENNIE TO STAY ON IN UNRWA UNTIL FINANCIAL PROBLEMS RESOLVED. WE HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO DISCUSS THIS WITH RENNIE WHEN HE AND MCELHINEY VISIT WASHINGTON DECEMBER 17. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF MEETING REFERRED TO PARA 1, ABOVE,
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BELIEVE TIME HAS NOW COME FOR US TO ADVISE SYG OF OUR

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INTENTIONS PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH RENNIE AND ALSO TO
ADVISE RENNIE OF OUR INTENTIONS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, USUN REQUESTED TO ARRANGE TO TELL SYG IN
MANNER WHICH DOES NOT INTERRUPT HIS IMMEDIATE CONCERN WITH

REELECTION THAT WE HOPE HE CAN CONVINCE RENNIE TO STAY ON
UNTIL FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES RESOLVED -- AT LEAST FOR
NEXT 6 TO 8 MONTHS. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL SYG THAT
WE WILL URGE RENNIE TO REMAIN IN OFFICE TEMPORARILY WHEN
HE VISITS WASHINGTON. IF RENNIE CAN BE PERSUADED TO STAY
ON FOR A WHILE, THIS TRANSITION PERIOD CAN BE PROFITABLY
USED BY RENNIE TO RESOLVE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND TO GET
MCELHINEY FURTHER INVOLVED IN IMPORTANT FUND-RAISING AND
POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS OF UNRWA, THEREBY ENHANCING HIS
ALREADY EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE TOP JOB. HOWEVER,
SHOULD RENNIE BE ADAMANT ABOUT RETIREMENT, SYG SHOULD
UNDERSTAND THAT MCELHINEY HAS OUR FULL SUPPORT FOR
ELEVATION TO THE COMGEN POST.

4. ALSO, USUN SHOULD ADVISE DEPT REGARDING TIMING OF
RENNIE CALL ON SYG SO ASST SECY LEWIS CAN PHONE RENNIE
TO SAY THAT WE HOPE HE WILL NOT MAKE A FINAL DECISION
ON RETIREMENT UNTIL HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
IT IN DEPT ON DECEMBER 17.

5. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS OF CONVERSATION.

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